LOCAL MISCELLANY.

CRITICISING BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS. EFECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COM-

MERCE-ONLY SIXTERN MEMBERS PRESENT. A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday to take action upon certain measures now pending in Congress relating to maritime aflare. The first matter considered was House bill No. 7.158, to establish a bureau of mercautile marine in the Navy Department. George W. Lane presided over the meeting, at which only fifteen other members were present, or five more than the number equired to call a meeting. J. W. Elwell said that the bill involved the liberty and existence of the mercautile marine. He then read a series of preambles and resolutions protesting against the bassage of the bill and of the one also proposing to transfer the administration of the Revenue Marine and the Life Saving Service to the Navy Department. The bill turps over to the Navy Department supervision of the inspection of vessels, the granting of licenses to shipmasters and other officers on vessels, etc., and provides that unemployed and retired naval officers shall be detailed for the inspection service, the offices of which are now filled by eivilians. Mr. Elwell said that of all the bills presented in Congress this was the most sweeping.

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now filed by civilians. Mr. Elwell said that of all the bills presented in Congress this was the most sweeping.

A. Foster Higgins thought that Mr. Elwell had magnified the effect of the bill. The Chamber had recently declared in tayor of establishing a bureau of commerce and he was surprised to bear arguments against it. The bill proposed was intended to remedy the very evils now complained oi—that vessels go to sea improperly equipped, that captains are guity of fraud and that there was no triounal to take cognizance of such matters. He was in tayor of a separate department of commerce, the head of which should have a seat in the Cabinet.

Colonel F. A. Conkling said that, "if the resolutions should declare this whole scheme a swindle and the men who framed it fools," he should vote for it, "I have been brought," he continued, "in connection with many naval officers, and would here say that I would as soon have a saloon keeper in the Fourth Ward to administer ghostly comfort to a dying boy, or a blacksmith to observe the transit of Venus, as to trust a naval officer with the control of the mercantile marine or to supervise the commerce of this country. I would as soon hire a canal-boat captain to fight a first-class war ship as to employ one of those men to perform the duties mentioned in the bill."

Ambrose Snow oppused action on the resolutions. William D. Marvel said that the bill was an outgrowth of the axisting animosity between the Secretaries of the Navy seemed to him to be like Othello, with nothing to do and with no navy. The consideration of both bills was referred to a committee.

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Maritime Association of the ourfel Navy that a Bureau of Mercantile Marine should be established in his d-pirtment, and the bill before Congress which provines that the Secretary should have the powers and duties hitherto exercised by the Secretary of the Treasury, with regard to vessels and seamen. Resolutions were also adopted protes ing against the bill which proposes to tran

THE NEW RECTOR OF ST. GEORGE'S. THE NEW RECTOR OF ST. GEORGE'S.

The Rev. W. S. Rainsford, the new rector of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Chur h, was visited by some of his new parishioners yesterday. He is staving at present with Mr. I. Tracey, a member of the vestry, out told a reporter of The Tribune that he hoped soon to be in the parsonage near the caurch. When asked whether he was libera, or conservative in his telizious views he said, "I am liberal, but would rather not talk much about church matters at present."

when asked whether he was filtern or conservative in his religious views a said. "I an liberal, our the was religious views as said." I an liberal, our the views of the was mentioned vesterday in The Tribuns Mr. Ramisord is considerally above the average height of fair complexion and of robust and vigorous frame. He wears a light mustache and aide whiskers. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, on October 30, 1850, or English parens. His fairbunche Rev.Marcus Rumsford, is now rector or St. John's the Rev.Marcus Rumsford, is now rector or St. John's religious to the later of the theory of the saint Episcopal Church in Haikunseevs are in the Eaglish army. As he as says he has spent and proposed of rorganism the Eaglish army. As he as says he has spent and the saint of the interest in the Eaglish army as he has spent of Common interest in the Eaglish army. As he had to be come to the common interest in the Eaglish army and the secondary of the saint in the United States and Canada since his graduation from St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1874, that at least he should be called "cosmopolitan." Although now physically of phus health, he was compelled at one time to leave school, and he spent two years on the Continent. In 1808, heccoming the ministry in the English army and the secondary of the saint who years on the Continent. Waince he was offered a receivable with the ministry in 1870, the english of the ministry in 1870, and was ordained four years the valley of the Saskatchewan and thence across the continent. Beyond St. Paul they rode on herseleach. Returning the England Mr. Rainsord began his study for the ministry in 1870, and was ordained four years the valley of the Saskatchewan and thence across the continent. He was a contined for the continent of the control of the was offered a rectorship in Fraziand, out decorated the control of the was offered a rectorship in Fraziand, out decorated the was offered a rectorship in Fraziand, out decorated the was offered a rectorship in Fraziand, out decorated the control

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The condition of Charles R. Thorne, Jr., the actor, while bett r yesterday afternoon than it had been during he previous nicht, was still seri us. At his house, No. 67 Union-place, it was staid seri us. At his house, No. 67 Union-place, it was staid that he had passes a bad night, being in a star of delirium. While m this condition, he i equently fancied that he was talking to John Sietson, the manager of Booth's Theatre, and called upon nine to look at "he is lendid house." Toward morning his condition improved, but he occasionally relapsed into delirium during the day. It is not likely that he will be able to act for a considerable time, for he will probably have to go through a long and severe course of reatmen for the gout.

At Booth's Theatre arrangements were being made to play "The Considera Brothers" without Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bangs had endeavored to learn Mr. Thorne's part, but found that his nerves were too much shaken. J. Clinton hali set up all of We nessay night and, Mr. Stefson said, would get through the part "somehow" list night. In the meantime Mr. Stetson was telegraphing in all directions to secure a good substitute or Ar. Thorne, Charles Barron, a well-kno vn sector of Boston, who achieved great success in this city at Wall ack's oid theatre in Bouccauit's drams "Carrisa Harlowe," will probably assume the doat role of the brothers. Mr. Stetson said yesterday that Mr. Thorne had been ill for some time past, h d missed to rehearsa's last week, and was baiely able to get though the performances of Monday and I uestay nights. He had been lift for me time past, h d missed to rehearsa's last week, and was baiely able to get though the performance as soon a he had completed the arrangements now in progrees.

A FAN OF BANK NOTES FOR A PASTOR.

The Hill Siret Methods Church of Newark, N.
J., hell a prayer meeting on Wednesday night, and a crithe service Dr. E. P. Chiff, a member of the congreg too, present diche pastor, the Rev. S. T.
Graham, with a handsome basket of flowers, to which was attached a fan made of bank notes. The presentation and the remarks of the donor were min eluteresting by the fact that the church is divided into two factions, one of which has shown an irreconcitable histhiry to the pastor and has surculated charges against him. In acknowledging the giff, the partor said that he was aware that in some instances he had been misundershood and in others misconstrued. He had not carried his head to piease some, and he had not parted his hear to please others. Some had objected to his speaking to friends in the street. Other jets in shad objected because he preaches the truth, and, because it struck them, they characterized it as sarcastic and personal. A man who attempted to conform to every whim would be no man, and would not be worthy of esteem. He intended in the future to pursue the course that he had pursued in the past, not withstanding the carping of critics.

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Inmates of the tenement-house at No. 126 Forsythst, vesterday broke open the door of a room on the second floor of the outlands, and found the occupant, Mrs. F. Delmar, dead on the floor near a loung since about any and it was evident that she had been dead for more than a day. She was a widow of a postry cook. After the death of her husband she had veed in great poverty, although it was said by some of her neighbors that she had wealthy relatives living in the upper part of the city. She had been a sufferer from consumption. It was believed that she had died from natural causes, our a lack of proper food and warmth probably hastened her neath.

EFFECTS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION. terms employed by the Board of Education have been examining the records of arress at Police lie equarters for nearly a week in order to taou-late the arrests of persons whose ages range from eight to fourteen years. The object is to accertain whother the Compusory Education law has had

any effect in decreasing crime among children. The tables, when completed, will show the ages of the children who have been arrested during the past five years and the crimes with which they were charged. It was stated by one of the clerks yesterday that there has been a steady decrease both in the number of children arrested and in the viciousness of the offences committed by them since the compulsory law was passed in 1875.

MR. COOPER THREATENS TO SHOOT.

Henry Prouse Cooper told Walter E. Lincoln, the janitor of his store in No. 292 Fifth-ave, a few days ago that he wanted him to vacate the quarters that he occupied in his store, at the same time promising to pay for the removal of his furniture. Lincoln did as Mr. Cooper desired and took fooms at No. 254 West Twenty-sixth-st. Mr. Cooper then ordered him to put up a bed in the rooms that he had left. This Lincoln did, but in a manner not satisfactory to Mr. Cooper, who became very angry and threatened to shoot him if he did not put it up again. On Wednesday Lincoln obtained a summons from Justice Duffy, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, for Mr. Cooper. When this was presented to the latter, he tore it into pieces, and threw it upon the floor, declaring that he would not answer it, Yesterday a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Cooper was issued, and Officer Nixon was detuled to execute it. The officer searched all the afternoon for Mr. Cooper, but was unable to find him. It was learned at his home, No. 20 East Sixty-eighth-st., last evening, that Mr. Cooper had not been there for a day or two. Several persons who are acquainted with him, state that he was seen sleighriding in Central Park yesterday. Mr. Cooper, since his release, on several occasions has become violently agitated over trivial matters in connection with his business.

The sale of Mr. Cooper's collection of paintines was begun at the Barker Art Gallery, No. 47 Liberty-st., vesterday. The attendance was large, but except in a few instances the bidding was decidedly duli. Mr. Cooper was not oresent at the sale. The following pictures brought the highest prices; "After the Repast," Lazgrees, \$280; "Landscape," Corot, \$295; "Gathering Flowers," Diaz, \$315; "Port of Marseilles," Clays, \$785; "Cattle in the Meadow," De Haas, \$1.040; "Landscape and Sheep," Jacque, \$1,100; and "Sunset," Murphy, \$22. The sale will be continued to-day. MR. COOPER THREATENS TO SHOOT.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB ELECTION.

The annual election of the Union League Club took place last night. There was no opposition to the regular ticket as reported by the Nominating Committee. In the absence of the president of the club, William M. Evaris, Judge Noah Davis pressiled. The usnal reports of the standing committees were presented, showing that the club continues to be in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise. Rush C. Hawkins offered a series of resolutions which were adopted setting forth the satisfaction of the club with the w rk of Congress in passing a Civil Service Reform bill, and reciting that the result was due to the long series of acts of the Union League Club in behalf of the reform. The Executive Committee of the club hadreported resolutions in favor of such a reform in 1864, which were passed by the club. Action was taken by the club on the same subject in 1866 and frequently thereafter. The Committee on Political reform was active in promoting the work in 1877. The efforts of Dorman B. Eaton in behalf offthe reform were specially mentioned.

The officers elected were as follows: President, William M. Evarts; vice-presidents, Hamiton Fish, Noah Davis, Le Grand B. Cannon, Dorman B. Eaton, Albon P. Man, James C. Carter, Charles A. Peabody, Joseph S. Lowrey, John N. A. Griswold, Frederick D. Tappen, Thomas C. Acton and Wilham H. Weich; secretary, David Milliken, Jr.; treasurer, George F. Baker; executive committee—class of 1885—Samuel Shethar, John Harsen Rhoades, Jacob D. Vermilye, William D. Sloane and Henry C. Ward. UNION LEAGUE CLUB ELECTION.

HOMING PIGEON FANCIERS ORGANIZING

BEATING HIS DRUNKEN WIFE.

Bernard A. Fitzgerald, of No. 48 Scammel-st., was taken before Justice Gardner yesterday at the Essex Market Police Court for brutally beating his wife on Wednesday afternoon, at the place mentioned, with a club, after tying her to a bed-post. He was committed to await the result of the woman's injuries, who is now in Bellevue Hospital suffering from a fractured nose and contusions. The prisoner stated that his wife came home orunk, which frequently happened, and that she was attacked with defiring tronens. Her paroxysms became so violent that he was obliged to the her to a bedpost. She then shouted loudly, and being unable to restain his temper, he struck her. Rosa and John, their children, seven and three years old, were taken charge of by Officer Young, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Cuildren, and were committed to the care of the Sisters of St. Francis.

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Dr. W. De F. Day, the Sanitary Superintendent, said yesteriay he believed that the persons who were removed from the tenement-house at No. 169 Hester-st, were suffering from typhus fever, Mary Merram, a sister of the girl who died in the house on Tuesday, was removed to the Reception Hospital yesterday. She had a temperature of 104° and other symptoms of the dreade I disease. A report from the Riverside Hospital stated that Jenne Waters, another former inmate of the house, was showing more mark d symptoms of typhus fever. Her sister, Elizabeth, who has been kept in a s parate room at Benievue Hospital, probably will be removed to the Riverside Hospital, probably will be removed to the Riverside Hospital to-day. The tenement-house has been fumigated throughout and the inmates will be watched closely for two weeks to prevent them from communicating the tever to other persons in case they are attacked with it.

PREPARING TO CAPTURE A GHOST. PREPARING TO CAPTURE A GHOST.

The residents of the northern part of Paterson, N. J., are greatly frightened over the nightly appearance on Femple-st, hill of an alleged ghost, which takes the form of a person ctothed in a white shrond, with a cowl on its head, and bearing on its shoulders a cat or a monkey, according to the imagination of the ghost-seer. Scores of people claim to have seen the spectre, and there is such genuine fear in the neighborhood that many of the supersitious Hollanders will not go out of doors after dark. The story is that the ghost melts away when approached. Several parties are organizing for its capture to-night, as evil spirits are supposed to be approached. Several parties are organizing for its capture to-night, as evil spirits are supposed to be nusually weak on Friday nights. There is no evidence that the quality of winskey sold in the part of Paterson in question is any more malignant than the ordinary New-Jersey article.

PATRONAGE OF THE ALDERMEN. The members of the Board of Aldermen have apportuned their patronage for the present year as follows:

foliows:
Francis J. Twomey, Clerk.
Wildiam H. Moloney, Deputy Clerk.
Richard E. Mott, First Assistant Clerk.
James I. Fuzsimmons, General Clerk.
Jonn E. Kelly, Second Assistant Clerk.
Daniel M. Donegan, Third Assistant Clerk.
Bernard Jacobs, Fourth Assistant Clerk.
Jeremiah J. Hayes, Firth Assistant Clerk.
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Jery Folk, Doorkeeper.
John J. Feehan, Engressing Clerk.
Herman Palkenberg, Assistant Engrossing Clerk.
Thomas Dorsey, Librarian
Joan Drout, Assistant Librarian
Joan Gorman, Messenger.
M. J. Deery, Assistant Messenger.

FALLS OF SNOW AND GALES AT SEA. The Anchor Line steamship Utopia arrived from the Mediterranean yesterday, after a long voyage. Sue lest Gibralt r on December 27. She had on board 227 Itanan immigrants. From December 136 to January 2, she encountered westerly gas, and heavy seas. From January 2 till Tuesday she had strong winds and high cross seas. On Wednesday she encountered furious squalls, with rain, sleet and snow.

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The steamer City of Columbia, which arrived from Charleston, had terrific weather on Wednesday, with rain, sleet and snow, and her decks were covered with ice. On Tuesday, about seventy miles north of Cape Hatteras, he schooner Frederick A. Carle was spoken in a disabled condition. She had

lost her rudder-head, and was steering with relief tackles leading over the quarter.

JUSTICE HERRMAN'S TRIALS.

Since his appointment, Justice Herrman has been endeavoring to familiarize himself with the course of procedure in police courts by sitting with Justice Power, at the Tombs. The latter, notwiths anding the inelemency of the weather, always desires to keep the doors and windows open. The court-room becomes almost intolerably cold sometimes. Mr. Herrman, who is fair, fat and overforty, has suffered greatly from the cold, and yesterday he was unable to repress his feelings any longer. In broken English, he said that he was almost frozen. Justice Power finally took pity on him and consented to have the windows partly closed.

A BROKER WITH HIS IDEAS MIXED. A BROKER WITH HIS IDEAS MIXED.

A cab drove up to Police Headquarters last night about 9 o'clock, and a young man whose face and clothing were covered with blood got out and entered the building. He said that his name was ashley Jones, and that he wanted an officer to go with him to arrest John Staples, who had assaulted and beaten him in Broadway. Mr. Jones, who also asserted that he was a Wall-st, broker, was in that delectable condition known as "half-seas over," or rather "whole seas over." Inspector Murray sent Officer Hogan with him, but owing to Jones's inability to tell where the fight occurred, the officer returned without making an arrest.

MISS LIVINGSTON SUCCESSFUL.

A VERDICT FOR \$75,000 AWARDED. A BROOKLYN JURY'S OPINION OF HENRY FLEMING

AND HIS TESTIMONY.

Miss Mary Alice Almont Livingston was awarded yesterday a verdict for \$75,000, the full amount of damages claimed in the suit for breach of promise of admages claimed in the suit for breach of promise of the process of the process

occupants of the jury box.

Mrs. Bliss, the piaintiff's mother, was absent from the court room in the earlier part of the day having been arrested in this city on an order granted by Judge Beach, in the Court of Common Pleas, in a snit brought against her by Dora Christine Ranges to recover \$500. the amount alleged to bave been paid by her to Mrs. Bliss through the false and fraudulant representations of the latter. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff was induced by Mrs. Bliss to buy a house, which Mrs. Bliss pretended to own, and that she paid \$500, as a part of the purchase money. The plaintiff afterwarl discovered that Mrs. Bliss had no title to the premises. Judge J. F. Daly ordered the release of Mrs. Bliss on the ground that she was a non-resident and had been arrested while passing through the city to attend the court in Brooklyn as a witness. She was in the court room when the verdict was announced. The plaintiff's counsel desired to put Mrs. Bliss upon the witness stand, and Mr. Newcomb in his closing argument charged that the coursel for the defence had prevented her appearance in court. Alterward, however, he withdrew the statement.

CARE OF BROOKLYN PARKS.

The report of the Brooklyn Park Commissioners to Mayor Low urges that Hedford-ave., which was put under their care in 1878, should be transferred to the Department of City Works, which has control of all the other streets of the city. Engineer Culyer estimates that the expenditure of \$20,000 will be necessary to put it in proper condition so as to last two years. The Commissioners, seven in number, also recommend that their number should be reduced to one, who should be directly responsible to the Mayor, and who should give his entire time and labor to the work of caring for the parks.

FUN AT A MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL.

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At the trial of Francis Catton, indicted before Mr. Justlee diarrison, at the recent Ulster Assizes, for manishaughter, some extraordinary cross-examination took place. The alleged crime took place at Limavady, wiele, according to the evidence, the prisoner struck Jamison, the deceased, while the latter was sitting on a window-sill with Dr. Lane. The latter took Jamison into his surgery, and. "Minishing his head was a little on one side, gave it as pull." Jamison died next morning from concussion of the brain, caused by the fall.

Dr. Lane, cross-exam ned by Mr. Long: One thing seems to be pretty certain, that the man did not die until you gave als head the pail! [Languter.]—Well, he was as good as de dat that time, but the breath was not all out of him. [Langhter.] He could not get over it anyhow.

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His Lordship—Do you mean he could not have got over the pull! [Laughter.]

Witness—O, no. I mean the fall he got.

Mr. Long—At all events you gave his head the pull, and he died afterward!—That had nothing to do with it. It is not the first time! pulled a man's neck and he got over it. [Laughter.]

Oh! then you have pulled other men's necks in the same way!—Yes, often. [Laughter.]

But the majority of them died, didn't they!—No, they lived. [Laughter.]

Have you care done any boxes in your time!—O, many a time. [Laughter.]

Have you ever done any boxing yourself!—Certainly I have. [Laughter.]

Thave you ever done any doxing yourself i—Certainly
They you know the strength of a blow that would
knock down a man, don't you i—Well, now it an depends on where you hit him. (Laughier.) If you know
how to alt him in a certain place you will soon put him how to he aim to down.

Now, I know I am talking to an expert, and I want to ask you did you ever before see a man fall from such ablow I - I did; and I will give you instances if you like. [Lauchter.]

His Lordship: That will not be necessary.

The jury having retired, after an absence of half an hour returned into court and handed the issue-paper to a constant the trown.

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Mr. M'Cormick: Gentlemen, have you agreed to your verdict!
The foreman (Mr. Bernard Donnelly, Smithfield)—No; there is not the slignest chance of our agreing [Laughter.]
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His Lordship asked what was the cause of their dis-agreement.

The foreman said they had evidence that the deceased was knocked down by a blow, and that the doctor after-ward pulled the man's neck. [Laughter,] There was no inquest held, and they had no evidence as to whether death resulted from the blow or the pull the doctor gave the man. [Laughter,]

The Court adjourned until 9 p. m. His lordship re-entered the court at 9 o'clock. The jury having been called out, the foreman said they could not agree to a verdict, and added that there was no probability of their agreeins. The jury was then discharged.

A BAD ENDING.—"Well, William, what has become of Robert!" "What, 'airn't you 'eard, sir!" "No! Not cennet, I hope!" "That's just exactly what he as done, sir, and waiked off with everything be could lay his 'ands on !"—'Pauch.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Assembly Committee on Privileges and Elections at Pifth Avenue Hotel.

Mutual Union Telegraph Company charter suit before Judge Barrett.
Cooperative Dress Association suit before Judge Pratt.
Meeting of foreign and domestic fruit dealers.
Genealogical and Biographical Society meeting at No. 64 Madison-ave.
Caledonian Club ball at Irving Hall.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Unsafe buildings reported yesterday: Nos. 936, 938, 940 and 942 Third-ave., and 331 and 333 East One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st. THE WILL OF JOSEPH R. SKIDMORE.

The will of Joseph R. Skidmore was filed for probate yesterday. The testator bequeaths his entire estate to his widow and daughter. The will bears date May 16, 1881.

THE NEW UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

Joel B, Erhardt, the newly appointed United
States Marshal, visited the Marshal's office yesterday accompanied by Eibu Root. He will probably be sworn in and take his office within a day or

A LAWYER THROWN FROM HIS HORSE.

Albert H. Sands, a lawyer, of No. 31 Pine-st., was thrown from his horse in Central Park on Wednesday. He was taken to kooseveit Hospital, where it was said yesterday that his highres were not serious and that he would be able to leave the hospital in a few days. He was a guest of the Gilsey House.

DYING ON HIS WAY HOME.

John Renning, a Norwegnan, twenty-two years old, died suduenly yesterday morning at No 84 Green wien-st. His death is supposed to have been caused by consumption. He was on his way from Wisconsin to his native country, and had in his possession a passage ticket to Copenhagen, and a list of names of friends who subscribed money to aid him in returning home.

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SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

In the Register's office yesterday a deed dated June 3, 1881, was piaced on record. By it George A. Clapp, as executor of Dester A. Clapp, transfers the edifice of the Church of the Holy Saviour, with the two lots which form its site, on the south side of twenty-fifth-st., e st of Madison-ave, to Nathaniel Witherell and Edward Sing, for \$55,000.

DINNER OF AMH. RST ALUMNI.

The New-York Alum. 1 Association of Amherst College will have their annual, dinner at Deimonico's on Friday evening January 26, F. F. Marbury, of New-York, will preside, and the Rev. Dr. Storts, of Brookityn: Waldo Hutchine, of Westchester and General F. A. Walker, of Boston, are among the prominent alumni expected to be present.

The overflowing of a tank on the roof of a tall building at Hester and Canni-sts, yesterany after-noon transformed the snow storm in that tocality into a sudden and violent shower that surprised passers by on the sidewalk most disagreeably. The building for some ten minutes resembled a huge founcan until the flow of water was stopped. No

founcin until the flow of water was stopped. No material damage was done.

PLANS FOR THE MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING.

Plans were also at the Bureau of Buildings yesterday for the nine-story effice building which is to be erected by the autual infe Insurance Company on the site of the old Post Office, at Nassau and Cedar-sts. The estimated cost is \$1.000,000. A description of the proposed building has been published in THE TRIBUNE.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICIALS IN NEW-YORK.
Several of the Ald rmen of Philadelphia Several of the Ald rmen or Philadelphia were in this city yesterday to obtain practical information about the plumbing and dratinge regulations which are enforced by the Board of Health. They visited the offices of the Health Department, and filled their pockets with blanks, circulars and copies of sanitary laws, which were explained to them by Mr. Golderman, the Clerk of Records. FINES COLLECTED AT THE POLICE COURTS.

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George W. Cregier, secretary of the Board of Ponce Justices, has made the following returns of the am unt of fines collected in the various courts curing the month of December, 1882: Special Sessions Court, \$1,429; Fi st District Court, \$533; Second District Court, \$805; third District Court, \$512; Foorth District Court, \$366; Fifth District Court, \$100; and Sixth District Court, \$9. Total, \$3,784.

A longer funeral procession than has gone out of Tremont for years followed to the grave last Tuesday one of the best known characters of the locality, Fox, the "learned blacksmith." Fox was a poet in his lessure hours and possessed of a "powerful sight o' larning." His forge in One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh-st was the resort of many curtons persons who, going to laugh at, learned to respect the odd blacksmith. He died on Sanday.

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INSPECTOR TOWER RETICENT.

Supervising Scenaboat inspector Tower was asked yesterday by a Tribune reporter what he had to ay against Mr. Starbuoz, who has been nominated as its successor, and concerning whose continuation Mr. Tower has asked for a hearing before the Senate Committee on commerce. Mr. Tower would not say what he proposed to do except that he would be in washington next week and might appear before the Senate Committee. GEORGE JAMES RICE PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

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George J. Rice, ex-president of the Utica, Ithaca and glinita validay Company, who is caarged with forgery and embezziement in connection with a loan of 1,000 of the bonds of the company, was arraighed yesterday in the court of General Sossions and pleader not guisty. Ex-Speacer mediute, his counts, i, will apply at an easily day for a reduction of the bonds under which the defondant is held. The amount of bonds at present required is \$25,000.

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A MEETING OF REPUBLICANS.

The Twelfth Warm Republican Association (XIXth Assembly District) at its regular monthly meeting in Arnoid's Haif in West One-hundred-and-tenthst, last evening, passed a resolution approving the passage of the civil Service Reform out by congress and urging the Prestient to sign it. A resolution condemning the action of the Machattan Company in stopping the night trains on the Sixth Avenue Elevated Road was unanimously adopted. A general reduction of tares to nive cells was urged.

Anthony Comstruct's Charges.

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ANTHONY COMBTOCK'S CHARGES.

Superintendent Waining yesteriany releved affidavits signet by Anthony Comstock and George E. Oram, which describe certain suspicious movements of Sergeant Westervest and Police, and Suil, of the Iwenty-ninth Precinct, on Saturday last. Mr. Comstoca and his special officer express their belief that information or a wairant was sent by the policement to a gambling house in West Unity-secondst, and that certain gamblers named in the wairant escaped arrest at the time. Mr. Comstock says that he believes that the time. Mr. Comstock says that he believes that minimums did not have any part in the transaction.

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A NEW CHIEF OF BATTALION.

The Fire Commissioners yesterday promoted Foreman Gooderson, or Engine Company No. 35, to be chief of battanion, and to make a place for him they made an extra battanion district. The boundaries of some of the other ten districts were changed so as to form the eleventh district in a part of the city where the companies of firemen are most numerous. Arrangements were made also to have the two assistant chief engineers cover the smaller fires. Chief Engineer Bates negligible for the executive of the city.

MEETING OF FROITING HORSE BREEDERS.

The Executive committee of the froctang florse Breeders' Association are yesterday after and the Evert if lase. If, W. f. Mall, president of the association, presided. Among those present were General Withers, of Kentucky; Judze Tracy, Shepherd P. Knapp, D. D. Baker, Jr., L. C. Pack r. G. S. Moulton and Messis, wills, Morris and Gray. The committee added stakes for three, four and five-year olds to the fixed contests of the association. The next meeting will be held on the second flursday in Feormary.

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Ester Silvers.ein, a servant girl recently from Poland and not acquainted with the English language, was accused yesterday in the Court of teneral recessors of grand larceny in naving scolen \$75 and a pair of carriags from Mrs. Saran Levy, of No. 50 Mott.-t. When arraigned in the Police Court the girl said that she aid not intend to take so much money, but did not know the money of the country. Yesterday when called up for sentence before Judge Cildersieeve she said that some one had tood her that it was the fashion for servants in this country to heep themselves to the money of their employers. The Judge warned her to be more careful as to what she besieved, and sent her to the Penitentiary for six montus.

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Captain Olaf J. Olssen, who was convicted several weeks ago in the Court of General Sessions of assaurt in snooting Jacob A. E. Steen in December, 1881, was again placed on trial yesterday, Juage Cowing naving granted a new trial partly on the recommendation of Assistant District-Attorney Pellows, who was concerned in the prosecution. The defendant's testimony was to the effect that Seen had endeavored to entire sailors from his vessel, and that while the captain was below deck in the evening Steen came on board the vessel. Captain Olssen was called up, and in a discussion with S.een the inter struck the c ptain twice. Captain Olssen then drew a pistol and shot his visitor in the thigh. The jury found the det mant guitty of assaut, but Judge Giltersieeve said that in view of micgating circumstances he would only inflict as punishment a fine of \$125.

BROOKLYN.

BROOKLYN. Coroner Keller held an inquest yesterday in the case of William Cole, who was recently killed by a ru.away horse left untied by a grocer's clerk named E. S. Whitson. Gola received a fractured skull.

three scalp wounds, one car was torn off, his tongue was bitted in two, and he sustained a fracture of the right shoulder and seven wounds in the body. The jury censured Whitson for not tying the horse. Mr. Beecher delivered his new lecture, "Evolu-tion and Revolution," in the East Congregational Church last evening before a large audience.

Mayor Low has appointed Charles A. Hull a member of the Board of Education in the place left vacant by the resignation of Tasker H. Marvin in September, 1882.

September, 1882.

The standing committees of the Kings County Board of Supervisors for 1883, appointed by President pro tem McKane, were aunonneed yesterday. The following are chairmen of the principal committees: Laws, Supervisor Pigott: Finance, Supervisor Atwater; Jall, Supervisor Ryder; Military Affairs, Supervisor Chamberlain; Printing, Supervisor Peter Bennett; Jurors, Supervisor Thomas; Bridges, Supervisor Kowland; Salaries, Supervisor Collard; Streets and Avenues, Supervisor Ferguson; Court House, Supervisor Cullen.

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A young man named Black, while intoxicated on Wednesday night, fell down a flight of stairs at his home, No. 137 Morris-st, and fractured his skuil. He was removed to the Charity Hospital and will probably die.

School Director John Boyd, of the H District, was attacked by two drunken men at Seventh and Grove-sts, on Wednesday night and severely beaten. His assailants, two laboring men, were arrested.

NEWARK.

In view of the demand by the Common Council for an investigation of the financial condition of Essex County, the Chosen Freeholders yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution setting forth that they are ready to cooperate in an inquiry into the workings of every department. The Board also directed Auditor Hazard to submit to it at its next meeting a statement of the county's expenditures.

The suit of Patrick Fitzgerald against the Receiver of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey was tried in the Circuit Court vesterday. The plaintiff claimed \$10,000 damages for injuries received by being struck by an iron bar that fell from a train of the Central Railroad on June 22, 1881, near Seabrigat, N. J., and broke his leg. Ex-Chancellor Williamson, representing the railroad company, said that there was nothing in the case that required a defence. The accident had occurred on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad, which was a separate corporation. He asked for a non-suit, Judice Depue said that there was no evidence to show that the engineer or train hands were in the employ of the defendants, and the mere fact that the cars belonged to the Central Railroad did not establish responsibility. The Judge directed a verdict of non-suit.

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PATERSON.—In the excitement over the prevalence of small-pox last summer the health officers of Paterson conceived the idea that there was danger of contagion in the storing of large quantities of rags by John O'Connor, a junk dealer, whose place of business was near the infected part of the city. An ordinance, known as "the rag and bone ordinance," was passed to regulate the storage of such things, and it is adjected that O'Connor violated it in spite of repeated warnings. The city an horities accordingly forcibly entered his place and burned his store of rags, about 4,000 pounos. O'Connor such the Mayor and Aldermen and City Physician Meyers for this act, claiming \$10,000 damages, the case was truct defore Judge Dixon, in the Passinic County Circuit Court, yesternay. Judge Dixon charged the jury that the action of the health officers in desiroying the rags could only be justified by clear proof that they contained the germs of disease. On the other hand the plaintiff could be awarded only compensation for the actual value of the goods destroyed. The jury awarded O'Connor \$80, with interest.....Adelaide Hill, the tweive-year-old girl who was reported to the Newark police as missing from her home at No. 410 marketst. Paterson, disappeared from her home on last Saturday, when she left the house to take her rather's dinner to him at his work. She is wayward and has left ther home several times before. It is thought that she may be in Trenton, as she has relatives there.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

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WESTCHESTER—Justice T. Bible was engaged yesterday afternoon in hearing testimony in the case of George Alien, the private of Company K, 5th Artillery, stationed at Fort Schuyler, who is charged with having brutally assaulted sirs. Crosby, of through Neck, on the night of November 24. The hearing toos place in compliance with an order issued by Justice J. C. D. kman, of the Supreme Court, to whom it was represented by the prisoner's counsel, M. J. Keogh, that no evidence hid be a admitted in defence of the prisoner. The first witness called was Mrs. Crosby. A certificate from Dr. James G. Ems was presented, setting forth that the pusical condition of sirs. Crosby was such that it was impossible for her to attend. Mrs. Maria ellner, who had previously testified for the prosecution, was then cross-examined. She positively identified Alien as the man who made the assault. The prisoner was committed to the County Juil to await the action of the Grand Jury.

LONG ISLAND.

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JAMAICA.—The Queens County Board of Supervisers at their meeting yesterday appointed Joseph B. Firth keeper of the Barnum Island Alms-house and Mrs. Firth matron, the Board also passed resolutions that the annual spring election or lown meeting in Jamica hereafter should be held in the several election districts and not at one polling place, as heretofore; that all appropriations should be voted for by ballot, and that the inspectors of election at the general election should act as inspectors at the spring election.

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Long Island City.—The dispute between Supervisor-elect Joseph McL. u. hlm and the present incumbent of the office. William Schwasenock, was necised yesterday by County Judgo Armstrong in layor of the latter. McLaughlin asserted that he was entitled to his seat at the first meeting of the Boaro in January. Schwasenberg held hat under the provisions of the city charter ne was eat led to retain his seat until April... The jury in the case of the Messrs Oppenhaeimer, proprietors of the College Point Reporter, charged with abelling a lawyer, Samuel B Cadwell, returned a verdet in layor of the plaintiff in the Supreme Court yearday for \$50 and costs... The Board of Supervisors of Queens County yesterday passed a resolution calling upon the members of the Bridge Committee of Kings a d Queens Counties to provide for the construction of a new bridge over Newtown Creek at Brissville. This will cost about \$2,500. STATEN ISLAND.

New Buighton—Another are broke out early yesterday moraing in the public school house to manison-ave, and caused a damage of about \$5000. The same bunding was damaged by are a out on days ago. The dames originated in both cases from

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Prom The London Times. Dec. 27.

An interesting episede, scatcely, it at all, known to the public hitherto, which occurred in the latter years of President Lancon's life, is described in the lorthcoming years, obtinary volume of the Society of Friends, entitled the Annual contor, for 1855. It is related in connection with a memoir of the late Mrs. L. P. Gurney, widow of the weit-known Quaker, Mr. Joseph John Gurney, of Norwich. On her husband's accesse, Airs. Gurney returned to Amorica, the land of her birth, and chiedly resided for the remainder of her life at Burlington, in New-Jo set. She was one of the re-ognized lady preachers of the Society of Friends, and, as such, undertook several missionary journeys. During the terrible Civil War she telt great sympathy for the very difficult and responsible position in which President Lincoln had been placed by the course of events, and she beheved it to be her duty to seek an interview with him for the purpose of endeavoring to animate him by religious exhortation and prayer. In company with three of her Irienis as companions, she proceeded to Washington. What followed is thus described in the memoir in he animated Monitor, which is written by an English barrister, a Friend, who was lutimately acquainted with Mr. J. J., ourney and herself:

It was a critical period, in the autumn of 1862. The armies of Lee and McClellan were confronting each other in the neighborhood of Washington, and the Fresslein, finding the capital in danger, had issued a cal for everal hundred rhousand additional troops. Every available moment of his throw and the Triends who accompanied hops, when, to use her own vords, "the great iron door seemed to open of itself, and a most interesting interview we had." If was on a Sunday morning, in a beating rair, that the little party repaired to the White House, when, to use her own vords, "the great iron door seemed to open of itself, and a most interesting interview when, to accompany the provision of the highest

Some time afterward Mrs. Gurney addressed letter to President Lincoln. to which, after a considerable interval, he replied as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Sept. 4, 1864.

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ELIZA P. GURNEY.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND: I have not forgotten, probably shall never forget, the very impressive occasion when yourself and friends visited me, on a Sabbath foremon, two years ago. Nor has your kind letter, written nearly a year later, ever been forgotten. In all, it has been nuch indebted to the good Christian people of this country for their constant prayers and consolations, and to no one more than yourself. The purposes of the Almighty are perfect and must prevail, though we, erring mortals, may fail to accurately perceive them in advance.

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We hoped for a happy termination of this terrible warlong before this, but God knows best and has ruled otherwise. We shall yet acknowledge His wisdom and our own error therein. Meanwhile, we must work earnestly in the best light He gives us, trusting that so working still conduces to the great end He ordains.

Surely He intends some great good to follow this mightly convulsion, which no mortal could make and no mortal could stay. Your people, the Friends, have had and are having a very great trial. On the principle of faith, opposed to both war and oppression, they can only practically oppose oppression by war. In this hard dilemma some have chosen one horn and some the other. For those appealing to me on conscienatious grounds I have done, and shall do, the best I child and can in my own conscience and under my oath to the law. That you believe this I doubt not, and, believing it, I shall still receive, for my country and myself, your carnest prayers to our Father in Heaven.

A. Lincoln.

The memoir continues:—
The course of public events is well known. It is unnecessary here to do more than allude to the fact that soon after the foregoing letter was penned its nobleminded writer was for the second time elected President of the United States. His inauguration took place in March. 1865, and within a few weeks from that time he had the joy of seeing the war brought to a close. He lived but a few days after this great result had been achieved. A pung of astonished grief startled the people of America and of the whole civilized world on hearing the tidings of his assassination. Mrs. Gurney had the mournful satisfaction of learning that her letter to the President, written nearly two years previously, had been carefully treasured up by him, and was in his breast pocket when the fatal shot struck him. The memoir continues :-

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAD-TO-DAY. Suprises, 7:23: sets, 4:54; Moon sets. 9:16; Moon'sage, dav., 5

A. M.—Sandy Hook, 10:02: Goy, Island, 10:39; Hell Gate. 0:04 FOREIGN STEAMERS OUE AT THIS PORT.

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As dinwall Paufic Mail SUNDAY, JANUARY 14. Bremen ... N. Ger. Lloyd, Liverpool ... Nattonal. Liverpool ... White Star. Neckar..... Er n

SHIPPING VEWS ARRIVED

Steamer Utopia Bri. Ritchie, Calcutta Oct 19. Colombo 26, Aden Nov. Port Sald 15. Genou 30. Marseillea Dec 8, Leghern 14, Nagles 17. Falerno 18. Gibraitar 23, with adso and 237 passengers to Henderson Hros.
Steamer Josoph errons 37, O'Nell, Swansea 18 days, with mass to Simpson & Spence.
Steamer City of Columbia, Woodhull. Charleston 6 days, with mass and passengers to W J Quintand & Os.
Steamer Roanoze, Couch, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mass and passengers to Old Domnion 82 Co.
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Steamer Richmond, City West Fourt, Va, with mass and passengers to Old Domnion Sc Co.
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Steamer Franconia, Bennett, Portland, with mass and passengers to J F Ames.
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Ship Arbela (Br., Mitchenor, London—J F Whitney & Co. cortis. mer Lake Winnipeg (Br), Stewart, Liverpool-Seager

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Stemmers Adriatic, for Liverpool; Galileo, Hull State of Pennsylvania, Glasgow; Averni, Newcastle; Herrmann, Antwerp; Glert, Hamburg; Syanza, Rio Janery; Britsh Emplie, Ravana Rio Grando, Matarias; Orinoco, Bermuda; Guyandotte, Norfolk, Barks Sokoto, Anjier, Java; Ethel, St John, Nij; Ice alter Porlia.

Also saile—via Long Island Sound—Barks Gemsbok and Trevanion, Boston. THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

LONDON, Jan 1e—Arrived, steamer Lord of the Isles (Br), Felgate, from New-York Dec 21.

Passed up the Channel—steamer Switzerland (Beig), Beynon, from New-York Dec 30, on her way to Autwerp.

Alvelboo, Jan 11—Arrived, steamer England (Br), Worthington, from Boston Dec 28.

Queen town, Jan 11—Passed, steamer Hogland (Br), Heeley, from New-York Dec 30, on her way to Liveppool.

Lizamp, Jan 11—Passed, steamer Pances (Br), Toson, from New-York Dec 29, on her way to Liveppool.

Lizamp, Jan 11—Passed, steamer Brooklyn (Br), Irving, from New-York Dec 29, on her way to Levelio (Br), Irving, from New-York Dec 21.

Billstol, Jan 11—Arrived, steamer Brooklyn (Br), (Br), Gove, Irvin New-York Dec 21.

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Amstriandm Jan 11—Arrived, steamer Cydonia (Br), Eson, from Savannah Dec 18.

Gibraltal, Jan 11—Perssed steamer Naworth Castic (Br), Warden, from Casticelson Dec 18.

Havana, Jan 10—Arrived, steamer Naworth Castic (Br), Warden, from Casticelson Dec 18.

HAVANA, Jan 10-Arrived, steamer Newport, Sundberg from New Yo. k. DOMESTIC PORTS.

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Falled, steamers Nova Scotian, Liverbool; Dommion, Yarmouth, NS; Gate City, "avannah; Berkshire, naitimore, Norman and Berkshire, Philabelli and Whitney, New York, Philabelli and Jiedge Steamers Chie, Morrison-Liverpool; eading, Smith, New Bedferd, Williamsport, Willey, New York, 1a Delaware Breakwater, Salled, atsumers J. W. Avennan, New York; Ploneer, Richmond; Wyoming, Charleston, DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Jan 11—Frassed inward, atsamer (Benbervie (Br), Duling, Genes for Philadelphis, Baltinore, Jan 11—Arrive, atcamers Fri King (Br), Deaham, Newport; Anatolia (Br), Green, Benisaf, Eurique (Span), Mujica, Benisaf.
Sailed, steamers Giendevon, Ontario, D H Miller, Blackstone. tione. CHARLESTON, Jan 11 - Sailed, steamer Equator, Hines. Philadelphia.
NEW-JELEANS, Jan 11-Cleared, steamer Haytien, Liver. pool.
At the Passes - Arrived, steamer Algiers, Perg, New York.
Salied, steamers Mediator for Liverpool; Fournel, Havre
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